

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**Notice of Public Hearing and Commencement of
Additional Public Comment Period**

Of

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2010-0034
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)

For

City of Healdsburg
Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility
NPDES Permit No. CA0025135, WDID No. 1B820460SON

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R1-2010-0034 for the City of Healdsburg Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility. The WDRs will also serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for a period of five years.

This item was originally open for public comment between March 24, 2010 and April 23, 2010 and the Regional Water Board held a public hearing on June 10, 2010. During the June 10, 2010 public hearing, the Regional Water Board directed Regional Water Board staff to modify the recycled water language in the proposed Order to make a distinction between urban and agricultural recycled water use. A revised draft Order has been prepared that includes revisions to the recycled water language and groundwater receiving water limitations. The revised draft Order also contains revisions to the groundwater receiving water limitations and antidegradation analysis as well as other revisions that were made in response to comments received during the first public comment period.

A new 30-day comment period will commence to accept comments on modifications to the draft Order. Public comment will be limited to those sections of the permit that were modified since March 24, 2010 and identified in underline and strikeout format in the current public review draft.

The deadline for comment on the revised draft Order is 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2010. Comments must be sent to the attention of Cathleen Goodwin. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to, the tentative permit must do so no later than this deadline in order for staff to have time to consider and respond to such comments.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the revised sections of the proposed Order is scheduled for October 28, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda to be mailed on October 6, 2010. The meeting will be held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California.

At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed waste discharge requirements. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above. The Chair may refuse to admit evidence, comments, or testimony that does not summarize timely submitted written comments if this deadline is not met, and shall refuse to do so where there is a showing of prejudice to any party or the Board. Any person submitting late comments or other evidence must explain why such materials were not submitted by the deadline. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and the Regional Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on the proposed Order. Oral comments should summarize timely-submitted comments or late-submitted comments that have been accepted by the Chair. The Chair of the North Coast Regional Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The procedures governing Regional water Board meetings may be found at sections 647 et seq. and 648 et seq. of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, and are available upon request.

All issues raised in petitions brought to the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to California Water Code section 13320 must be raised in the proceedings before the Regional Water Board. Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, if the action or inaction that is the subject of the petition was taken by the regional board after notice and opportunity to comment, the petition will be limited to those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid

unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, and comments received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The tentative permit, comments received by the Regional Water Board on the previous draft Order and staff responses to those comments are also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. A response to comments document on the tentative Order will be posted on that website after the end of the 30-day comment period and as soon as possible prior to the hearing. Contact Cathleen Goodwin at (707) 576-2687, or by email at cgoodwin@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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